



CVPIA, and Environmental Water Account programs to improve conditions for Delta fisheries, and provides water supply reliability assurances for Delta exporters. The Governor convened an Advisory Drought Planning Panel to develop a contingency plan to reduce the impacts of critical water shortages in California. Building on experience gained from the 1987-92 drought, the plan address available resources, appropriate funding mechanisms, and commits CALFED agencies to facilitate and expedite water transfers with legal requirements.

CALFED agencies are in the process of formulating a long-term decision making framework for evaluating the performance of CALFED's water supply reliability actions. The framework will document overall CALFED Program objectives and predict performance according to quantifiable measures. The report will apply the framework to the major components of Stage 1, and provide preliminary forecasts of the benefits that could result from those investments.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Stakeholders are actively involved in all aspects of the Water Management Program. The CALFED agencies held workshops and meetings throughout the development of the 2001 Operations Plan, the Drought Contingency Plan, and the Water Management Framework.

NEXT STEPS: In the year 2001, the CALFED agencies will:

- Refine the 2001 Operations Plan through the CALFED Operations Group.
- Further develop and implement the Drought Contingency Plan.
- Engage management and decision-makers in the concept and benefits of a long-term decision-making framework.